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St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update
of Current Events
and Happenings
within St. Lucie**

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Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a TVC Infrastructure Workshop on Monday, July 17, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers for the 2nd reading of the Adams Ranch Rural Land Stewardship – Land Development Regulations. .
- There will be NO Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, due to the Election.
- The Board of County Commissioners day meeting scheduled for September 26, 2006, will be held at 6:00 PM.
- There will be NO Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, December 26, 2006, due to the County's observance of the Holiday.

Burn Ban Lifted

After more than two months of dry weather, St. Lucie County's drought index has dropped below 500. As a result, St. Lucie County, in conjunction with the Division of Forestry and the St. Lucie County Fire District, has lifted the countywide burn ban until further notice. As of Monday, July 10, 2006, the drought index was 495. Officials will continue to monitor St. Lucie County's drought index on a weekly basis, and consider reinstating the burn ban if the drought index begins to rise above the 500 mark. For more information, call (772) 462-1150.

Paradise Park Pool

On July 11, the Board of County Commissioners approved Bid Number 06-080 from Galaxy Pools in the amount of \$72,450 for the resurfacing of the Paradise Park Pool located at 2020 Juanita Avenue in Fort Pierce. The pool is scheduled to be closed in late August and will remain closed for 30 days. Funding for this project will come from the Capital General Fund and the Aquatics Operating Budget.

Carlton - Adams Road Culvert Crossing

On July 11, the Board of County Commissioners approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,542.71 for a total contract price of \$360,042.71 to Johnson-Davis, Inc. The change order is for the additional cost of labor and materials that are necessary for the construction of the culvert crossing. This project includes the installation of a 16'-9" X 10'-8" multi-plate, arch aluminum culvert pipe. The projected completion date for this project is August 1, 2006.

Indrio Road/Kings Highway Intersection Improvements

On October 26, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners approved Work Authorization No. 2 with Kimley-Horne and Associates in the amount of \$90,000 for Indrio Road/Kings Highway Intersection Improvements. This included survey, limited geotechnical investigation, intersection design, stormwater retention design signal design and permitting. On July 11, the Board of County Commissioners approved Amendment No. 1 to Work Authorization No. 2 with Kimley-Horne and Associates in the amount of \$5,900 for design modifications. The total cost for the design of this project is \$95,900. The projected design completion date for this project is September 1, 2006.

Avenue D Transfer Facility

On July 11, the Board of County Commissioners approved the contract for sale and purchase of Real Property for two lots for the Avenue D Transit Transfer Facility in the amount of \$91,000. On March 22, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners approved a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation Intermodal Program for a grant in the amount of \$225,000. The purpose of the grant is to assist in the purchase of land and the development of the property for a transit transfer facility at the corner of Avenue D and 8th Street. This project has been approved as a partnership project with the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) and the acquisition cost will be shared. Once all of the lots are purchased, the County and the FPRA will work together to develop a site plan for the transit transfer area. At this time, three bus routes come to this site and the site will link to the future improvements of the Moore's Creek Greenway Project. Restrooms, a manned ticket booth and possibly a maintenance office will be located on this site so the site is safe and comfortable for transit users. Funds from the Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and FPRA will assist with the overall improvement of this site.

"29 Annual National Bike Round Up"

St. Lucie County welcomes the "29th Annual National Bike Round Up" to the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds from August 1-6, 2006. An estimated 40,000 motorcycle riders from across the United States will come to Fort Pierce for the event and, based on last year's figures, generate an economic impact of over \$30 million to the area. For more information about the event, contact Media Manager Carl Laury at (727) 235-3083 or by email at road.dog@verizon.net. Additional details about the event are attached and can also be found at the event's website at www.nbrkcmo.com.

Fort Pierce Jazz Society

The Fort Pierce Jazz Society announces its Natural Jazz Concert Series. The LeNard Rutledge Quartet will be in concert at the Oxbow on Saturday, July 22, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Oxbow Gift Store. Tickets are \$18.00 for non-members and \$15.00 for FPJS members. For more information call (772) 460-JAZZ or visit www.jazzsociety.org.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

Guided Canoe/Kayak Tours ~ Join an Oxbow naturalist for a leisurely paddle down the St. Lucie River. Fee is \$10 per person. Children 5 - 7 are free. Reservations and prepayment is required. For more information, please call (772) 785-5842.

Morningside Library Events

Current Events Discussion Group ~ Every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Manga Youth Book Discussion Club ~ Every Monday from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Monday Musings Book Discussion ~ Every second Monday of the month at 3 p.m.

Tuesdays with Maureen Book Discussion ~ Every first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. All discussion groups are open for drop-ins. Call 337-5632 for more information.

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